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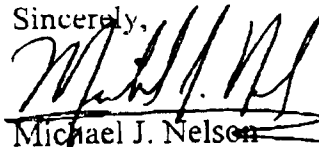
Dear General Ashcroft:

I write to express my opinion in regards to the settlement that was reached between Microsoft and the United States. This case has gone on long enough, and I embrace this long overdue settlement.

This agreement not only allows Microsoft to remain together and continue designing innovative software, but it also will benefit other companies and entrepreneurs that yearn to compete. Microsoft must disclose never-before-seen technical information to other companies and must be monitored by a government committee for compliance. It also must change its licensing methods vis-à-vis other companies.

Microsoft should not be penalized for doing its job well and being successful. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Nelson